

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 851

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Reverend George E. Wyatt on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers in the ministry; and

WHEREAS, Reverend George E. Wyatt is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for twenty-six years as pastor of Little Rock Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Wyatt will be taking a much deserved retirement on April 27, 2014; and

WHEREAS, George Wyatt is a Houston, Texas, native who served in the United States Army for thirty years; in 1988, he ended his military career, having achieved the rank of sergeant major and having served in the Korean War and the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, at that time, he chose to settle in Clarksville, Montgomery County, Tennessee. In due time, he procured the pulpit of Little Rock Missionary Baptist Church, in the quaint Houston County, Tennessee, town of Erin, and thereafter led that small, but mighty, congregation on a ten-year capital campaign and the construction of a new church facility; and

WHEREAS, the church rose from the ground in large part through the skilled physical labor of Rev. Wyatt's hands and the sweat of his brow; however, it was his God-given abilities as a servant leader that were monumental in bringing the project to fruition; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Wyatt returned his pastoral salary to the church, received donations from other local congregations, secured equipment usage from the Tennessee Valley Authority, and received skilled labor from county jail inmates, as well as other Christian construction professionals; all of which are testimonial acts to the positive impact of George Wyatt's church-building ministry; and

WHEREAS, now eighty-three years old and content with calm assurance in his retirement decision, Rev. Wyatt is prayerfully considering actualizing a long-held dream to train young men, especially African American men, in the skills of the building trades and construction industry; and

WHEREAS, George Wyatt is a remarkable man who has lived his life giving to others: he gave defense for his country; he gave guidance and sweat equity to construct a house of worship for his Lord and Savior; he gave the word of God to a grateful congregation; and even in his later years, he aspires to give his construction skills to others, so that their lives might be enhanced; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Rev. Wyatt has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of all who know him; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and timely for this legislative body to pause and consider the outstanding career of Rev. George E. Wyatt and to express our appreciation for his manifold contributions to his community, this State, and our nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Reverend George E. Wyatt our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and for every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.